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BIFIDOBACTERIA AND SIDEROPHORES PRODUCED THEREBY AND METHODS OF USE

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION
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Commissioner for Patents
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/884,894, Confirmation No. 1710, filed on June 19, 2001, entitled BIFIDOBACTERIA AND SIDEROPHORES PRODUCED THEREBY AND METHODS OF USE, by the following inventor:

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1. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the specification (including claims and abstract) as filed in the prior application.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a new specification (including claims and abstract). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference. No new matter has been added.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration filed in the prior application.
4. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. ☐ Enclosed are formal drawings (☐ sheets).
6. ☒ Before calculating the filing fee, cancel in this application claims 1-40, as described in the attached Preliminary Amendment. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

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Title: *BIFIDOBACTERIA AND SIDEROPHORES PRODUCED THEREBY AND METHODS OF USE*

8. X The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED			
NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$770/\$385
Total Claims 18-20 =	0	\$18/\$9	\$0
Independent Claims 2-3 =	0	\$86/\$43	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED		\$290/\$145	\$0
FILING FEE:			\$385.00

9. X A check in the amount of \$ 385.00 is attached.
10. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.
11. This application is being filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following inventor(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in the present application:
12. Priority of foreign application Serial No. , filed on in (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
13. X The prior application is assigned of record to Regents of the University of Minnesota.
14. X The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:
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15. X Small Entity Status is entitled to be asserted in the above-identified application.
16. X Application Data Sheet.

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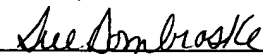


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